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Claims 1 - 18 are in this application and are presented for consideration. By this Amendment, Applicant has made changes to claim 1 such that claim 1 and claims depending thereon (of Group I) cannot be practiced by another materially different apparatus or by hand. The process claims as now presented therefore can be examined along with the claims of Group II.

Applicant hereby elects the invention designated Group II and requests examination of claims 1 - 17 as process claims 1 - 9 are directed to a process which can only be practiced with the machine of claims 10 - 17. Applicant further traverses the requirement as the process and apparatus claims are closely related such that a single examination is preferable. Further, the claims as presented should be examined in the single examination based on the required process features.

Applicant further elects the embodiment of Fig. 1. It is Applicant's position that all of claims 1 - 17 are directed to the invention and embodiment as specified. Several of the claims are generic or sub-generic.

Further, Applicant traverses the requirement that an election be made of species of "a thread select between vegetable, animal, artificial, or synthetic." The origin of the thread only exemplifies and further describes an external feature of the invention. The description does the limit the feature of the apparatus in any manner.

However, to further the prosecution of this case, and to address the election of species issue, Applicant has amended the claims 1 and 10 so that the election requirement among the

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species is now moot.

If the Patent Office takes a different position and still requires an election among the species, Applicant hereby elects a thread from a synthetic origin.

Favorable consideration on the merits is requested.

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